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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

SEOL ET AL.

Examiner

Farhood Moslehi

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-5 are presented for examination.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ball et al. (5,860,071) (hereinafter Ball).

4. As per claim 1, Ball clearly shows a method for creating a link in a computer network, comprising the step of storing last modified timestamp information indicative of a last modification time of each object and/or latest version information of each object in a validity check for linking to a multimedia document (e.g. col. 2, lines 30-37).

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sanford et al. (6,256,028) (hereinafter Sanford).
6. As per claim 2, Sanford shows a method for checking a link validity in a computer network, comprising the steps of:

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a) storing last modified timestamp information indicative of a last modification time of each object and/or latest version information of each object in a validity check field upon creating a link (e.g. col. 2, lines 24-34);

b) reading location data pre-stored in a location data field and determining whether a multimedia document for referencing is present at a location indicated by the read location data (e.g. Figure 5, block 120);

c) extracting predetermined information from the multimedia document if it is determined at said step b) that said multimedia document is present at said location, determining whether the extracted information is the same as that pre-stored in said validity check fields, performing a referencing process if the extracted information is the same as that pre-stored in said validity check field and performing a referencing error process if the extracted information is not the same as that pre-stored in said validity check field (e.g. Figure 5, blocks 108, 110, 114 and 116).

7. As per claim 4, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

8. As per claim 3, Sanford shows the method further comprising the step of:

d) storing a linked Internet address, an object index number, an object class number or an object locator in said location data field (e.g. Figure 4, block 84).

9. As per claim 5, Sanford shows the apparatus wherein said information pre-stored in said validity check field includes last modified timestamp information indicative of a last modification time of each object and/or latest version information of each object (e.g. Figure 5, blocks 108 and 112).

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***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Farhood Moslehi whose telephone number is 703-305-8646. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 703-305-8498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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